

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A device for covering openings in buildings the openings having a frame and the device comprising:

a covering ~~coupled to the frame~~;

at least one coupling for coupling said ~~door~~ coupling to said ~~a~~ frame;

at least one rotatable handle, rotatably coupled to said covering;

at least one rotatable shaft coupled to said rotatable handle;

at least one stationary shaft coupled to said rotatable shaft;

at least one additional rotatable shaft, wherein said at least one rotatable shaft extends coaxially with an axis of rotation of said at least one rotatable handle and said at least one additional rotatable shaft is coupled to said at least one rotatable shaft so that when said at least one rotatable shaft rotates, it rotates said at least one additional rotatable shaft;

a plurality of gears, with at least one gear coupled to said rotatable shaft at least one second gear coupled to said at least one additional rotatable shaft, and at least one ~~additional~~

third gear coupled to said stationary shaft wherein when a user ~~grabs~~ moves said handle, said at least one rotatable shaft rotates with said at least one gear rotating, causing said at least one additional rotatable shaft to rotate around said at least one third ~~additional~~ gear on said at least one stationary shaft causing said at least one covering to rotate within said a frame.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 2 1, wherein said plurality of gears are bevel gears wherein at least one bevel gear is coupled to said at least one additional rotatable shaft. τ

4. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 3, wherein said at least one ~~rotational~~ rotatable shaft has two ends and wherein at least one a bevel gear selected from said plurality of bevel gears, is coupled to both ends of said rotational shaft.

5. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 4, ~~further comprising~~ wherein said at least one a bevel gear is fixedly coupled to the frame.

6. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 5, further comprising a plurality of couplings for rotatably coupling said at least one shaft and said at least one additional rotational shaft to said covering.

7. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 1, wherein said covering is a door.

8. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 1, wherein said covering is a window.

9. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 4, wherein said at least one shaft extends perpendicular to said at least one additional shaft.

10. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 9, wherein said covering is a door and said at least one shaft is positioned at a top region of said door.

11. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 9, wherein said covering is a door and said at least one shaft is positioned at a bottom region of said door.

12. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 5, wherein said at least one shaft extends diagonally from said fixed bevel gear to said bevel gear coupled to said at least one additional shaft.

13. (Currently Amended) A device for covering openings having a frame in buildings comprising:

a covering ~~coupled to the frame~~;

at least one hinge for coupling said covering to ~~said~~ a frame;

at least one rotatable handle, rotatably coupled to said covering;

at least one rotatable shaft coupled to said rotatable handle; ~~and~~

at least one stationary shaft coupled to said rotatable shaft;

at least one additional rotatable shaft, having a rotatable axis extending substantially perpendicular to a rotatable axis of said at least one rotatable shaft, wherein said at least one rotatable shaft extends coaxially with a rotational axis of said at least one rotatable handle and said at least one additional rotatable shaft is coupled to said at least one rotatable shaft so that when said at least one rotatable shaft rotates, it rotates said at least one additional rotatable shaft

a drive means for coupling said at least one stationary shaft and said at least one additional rotatable shaft, and said at least one rotatable shaft together said drive means for rotating said handle when said covering rotates, wherein when said covering rotates within the door frame, said at least one additional rotatable shaft rotates around said at least one stationary shaft using said drive means and causing said at least one rotatable shaft and said rotatable handle to rotate as said covering is rotating.

14. (Currently Amended) A door disposed in a door frame the door having a drive device

comprising:

at least one rotatable handle rotatably coupled to said door;

at least one rotatable shaft fixedly coupled to said handle and rotatably coupled to said door;

at least one additional rotatable shaft extending substantially perpendicular to said at least one rotatable shaft and being rotatably coupled to said door;

at least one stationary shaft coupled to the frame; and

a plurality of gears with at least one gear attached to each of said rotatable shaft, said additional rotatable shaft and said stationary shaft, so that when a user pulls on said handle, said rotatable shaft rotates with said additional rotatable shaft, wherein an additional rotatable shaft gear selected from said plurality of gears meshes with a stationary gear coupled to said stationary shaft so that as said handle rotates said door rotates as well.

15. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 14, wherein said at least one rotatable handle rotates on approximately a 2:1 ratio with the door as the door rotates.

16. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 14, wherein when said user rotates said

handle, the door rotates in response to said handle rotating.

17. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 14, wherein said plurality of gears are disposed within at least one gear box.

18. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 14, wherein said at least one gear box is coupled to said door.

19. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 14, further comprising at least two spur gears, with at least one spur gear coupled to said at least one rotatable shaft and at least one additional spur gear coupled to a shaft extending out of said at least one gear box wherein said at least one spur gear meshes with said at least one additional spur gear which turns said gears inside said gear box turning said at least one additional rotatable shaft.

20. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 14, wherein said at least two spur gears create an offset for said at least one rotatable shaft from said gear box to create an additional mechanical advantage for said handle rotating said rotatable shaft.

21. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 14, wherein said handle is an elongated handle extending a majority portion of a height of the door.

22. (Previously Presented) The device as in claim 14, further comprising a plurality of

curved handle supports coupled to said rotatable shaft and at least one U-shaped handle coupled to said curved handle supports.

23. (Currently Amended) A device for covering openings in buildings the openings having a frame, the device comprising:

a covering ~~coupled to the frame~~;

at least one coupling for coupling said ~~door~~ covering to said a frame;

at least one movable handle, adjustably coupled to said covering;

at least one adjustable shaft coupled to said at least one movable handle;

at least one stationary shaft coupled to said at least one adjustable shaft said at least one stationary shaft extending in a non-parallel direction to said at least one adjustable shaft ;

a plurality of gears, with at least one gear coupled to said at least one adjustable shaft and at least one additional gear coupled to said at least one stationary shaft wherein when a user pulls said handle, said at least one adjustable shaft moves wherein said at least one gear rotates along said at least one additional gear on said at least one stationary shaft causing said at least one covering to rotate within ~~said~~ the frame.